

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus for vascular access is disclosed which includes a vascular access port defining an elongated tubular body of predetermined length with a central lumen having opposed proximal and distal end portions, the distal end portion adapted and configured for introduction into a blood vessel, the apparatus further including an elongated cylindrical plug body dimensioned and configured for insertion into the central lumen of the vascular access port, the plug body having a length that is substantially equal to the length of the vascular access port so as to prevent blood flow into the lumen of the access port when the plug is engaged therein.

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